

The Earthwise Living Committee of the City of Leon Valley, Texas met on the 9th day of December, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at the Leon Valley Public Service Center, at 6427 Evers Road, Leon Valley, Texas, for the purpose of the following business, to-wit:

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF LEON VALLEY
EARTHWISE LIVING COMMITTEE, 5:30 P.M.**

1. Call the City of Leon Valley Regular Earthwise Living Committee Meeting to Order and Determine a Quorum is Present.

An informal discussion was held from 5:30pm until 5:52pm when a quorum was reached.

The meeting was called to order at 5:52 p.m. Present were Committee members Key, Hendricks, Burnside, Ealy, and Gomez. Absent were Committee members Ramirez, Mayor Riley and Koger. Also present was Staff member Acuna.

2. Review and Consider Approval of the November 9, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Revisions to minutes were made by member Ealy. The last sentence of agenda item #8 should read as--After the grant application is complete, it would be decided if EWL or the Beautification Committee will facilitate this project. Member Ealy made a motion to approve the minutes with the revision. The motion was seconded by member Hendricks, and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Discussion Regarding Monarch Butterflies

Staff member Acuna led the discussion and it was agreed that we could complete items #1,2,3,6,8 and 15 on the pledge. We can also perform other items on the pledge. Our suggestion to the City will go before City Council. The banning of Round Up was discussed. Seed distribution was discussed and Member Ealy will check with the Texas Highway Department and Member Burnside suggested Lone Star Seed Co. Member Ealy suggested we develop a Facebook account. Some members stated they do not utilize Facebook. Staff member Acuna stated the EWL Committee can use the City's Facebook and Web site page. Items may be sent to her.

4. Review of 2014 Ordinance and Discussion of Active and Inactive Membership

Member Hendricks reviewed a portion of the Ordinance. It was discussed that it was difficult to have a quorum present for the meeting with 3 members not attending the meetings. Member Ealy stated she had contacted members Koger and Ramirez regarding their absences. They will be deleted from the Committee after this meeting. All past members are invited to contribute to EWL Day as volunteers. Member Hendricks made a motion to delete members Koger, Ramirez and Stein from the EWL Committee. Motion was seconded by member Key and passed unanimously. The question was raised as to how many members we should have on the committee and staff member Acuna stated that it was 10 members.

5. Discussion Regarding the March 5, 2016 Earthwise Living Day Event

Member Burnside reviewed the list of potential vendors she had sent to members. She discussed the dyes one vendor works with and it was suggested that this could

tie in with natural Easter egg dying. It was discussed and decided that each member would be responsible to send any required forms to potential sponsors, vendors, food vendors or door prize donors. Staff member Acuna has sent sponsor forms to last year's sponsors. She will send vendor forms to last year's vendors.

Member Gomez stated he has 6 potential solar company vendors and discussed what each could demo. He also had contact with an aquaponics company utilizing a solar water pump. Member Ealy suggested he speak with the vendors and develop a list of what each company could bring to the event such as solar backpacks and cell phone chargers.

Member Burnside updated members on the approval from City Council to install 3 clothing collection bins in the city. Staff member Acuna stated one would be located at Public Works at their new recycle site. Public Works was concerned that a sofa may be dropped off and it was suggested a sign be placed on the bin stating no dumping. Member Burnside has contacted Jerry Trevino to speak on the topic of eating correctly. She will contact the Alamo Breast Cancer Coalition. She has information on the Electric Car Show and will contact them.

Member Ealy has spoken to or will contact the Vegan society, possible meditation, and possible massages, Sweet Yams, Vegeria, LV Café (plans to participate) and the Mayor of Marshall. She suggested we ask Evy Ramos to be in the style show and asked for ideas for other models. Member Key stated that her grandchildren model and will ask them.

Member Hendricks spoke to 3 vendors at the farmers market and one agreed to attend. The vendor who sells jelly has not been at the market recently. She will contact him when he returns.

Staff member Acuna has contacted a honey vendor. She stated that the EWL name tags have been reordered. She presented the insert for the SAWS newsletter.

6. Discussion Regarding Christmas Gift Shopping and Wrapping Ideas

Member Burnside led the discussion regarding an eco-friendly approach to Christmas gift shopping and wrapping. She suggested we post information on Next Door

Neighbor, E-News and Facebook. At the Winter Festival in L.V. on Sunday, she suggested we pass out brochures. Staff member Acuna stated we would need to ask Elizabeth Carol for approval.

7. Adjourn

It was discussed and agreed that the January meeting would be a potluck dinner/working meeting. Member Key moved to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by member Gomez. The meeting was adjourned without objection at 6:56 p.m.

Belinda Ealy
Co-Chair

January 12, 2016
Date